

# What's Happening

at St. Timothy's



Friday, March 13th, 2026

Sunday, March 15th

**10:00am**

Service of Holy Eucharist  
*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Monday, March 16th to Friday, March 20th

**9:30am**

Morning Prayer via Zoom  
(<https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/> for the links)

Thursday, March 19th

**12:00nn**

A Celebration of the Life of Irmgard Habib *followed by a reception in Soward Hall*

Sunday, March 22nd

**10:00am**

Service of Holy Eucharist  
*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**SERVICE  
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US



Sunday, March 15th	<b>8:30am</b> Adult Education
Monday, March 16th	<b>12:00nn</b> Lenten Study and Lunch
Tuesday, March 17th	<b>10:00am – 12:30pm</b> ESL Conversation Group  <b>1:00 – 2:00pm</b> Open Church Drop-In Hour
Wednesday, March 18th	<b>10:00 – 11:00am</b> Contemplative Art  <b>12:00nn</b> St. Andrew's Group Meeting ( <i>online</i> )  <b>1:00 – 2:00pm</b> Open Church Drop-In Hour
Thursday, March 19th	<b>1:00 – 2:00pm</b> Open Church Drop-In Hour
Sunday, March 22nd	<b>8:30am</b> Adult Education

## *From the Incumbent*



During Lent this year, the Old Testament and Gospel readings are paired so that ancient images of God's action illuminate the ministry of Jesus. As such, last week's readings converged on the theme of spiritual thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, and in our children's reflection, we focused on the moment when God instructed Moses to strike the rock in the wilderness, and water flowed for the people wandering in the desert. For those who would like to revisit the reflection, the homily is available on my blog here:

<https://irinasart.ca/2026/03/06/the-woman-at-the-well/>

This coming Sunday we turn to the story of the man born blind, found in John's Gospel. The narrative invites us to think about sight not only as a physical ability but also as a form of spiritual perception.

As part of our "life between Sundays," the **Adult Art Group** continues to experiment with traditional Orthodox iconography, inspired by one participant who offered pieces of upcycled wood from his woodworking projects. For me personally, icon painting was the gateway into visual art because it offered a low-pressure starting point, as the process begins with closely copying patterns that have been faithfully handed down for centuries. Yet even when working from the same pattern, every icon develops its own character. Our group has enjoyed balancing tradition with creativity, experimenting with brighter colours and chalk paint, while still respecting the classic patterns.

As Lent moves closer to **Holy Week**, here is an overview of our upcoming services. On **Palm Sunday**, we will recall how the people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with branches and shouts of Hosanna, and then immediately turn toward the Passion narrative. This will prepare us to walk with Christ through the days that follow. Our Holy Week will open on Wednesday with a brief Eucharist, followed by the contemplation of the Stations of the Cross through visual art with prayer prompts for personal meditation.

The so-called Paschal Triduum (i.e., the three days leading up to Easter) begins with **Maundy Thursday**. This is the last Eucharistic liturgy before

Easter, echoing the final meal Jesus shared with his friends and recalling his request to continue sharing bread and wine in memory of him. The service includes the ritual washing of feet, which expresses Christ's model of humble service exemplified at the Last Supper, and concludes with the stripping of the altar, representing the confusion and abandonment surrounding Jesus' arrest.

Next, on **Good Friday**, we encounter the Passion story as expressed through the Stations of the Cross and the Gospel reading, followed by meditation before the cross. After the service, the choir will present Franz Liszt's Stations of the Cross, a powerful nineteenth-century musical meditation written late in Liszt's life after he had taken religious orders.

Lastly, on the day before Easter, the **Great Vigil of Easter**, we enter into celebration with the lighting of the new fire and the Paschal candle on the doorstep of the church, as symbols of life and light returning to a world overshadowed by death. By candlelight, we will hear the great arc of the biblical story before the return of full lights and Alleluias, and the first proclamation of the Resurrection accompanied by the ringing of the bells. The service continues with the renewal of baptismal vows and the first Eucharist of Easter.

This is one of the most traditional moments in the church year for baptism, so if you or your child is interested in this sacrament, please let me know if you would like to explore the possibility of receiving it on this day.

**Easter** morning, of course, will gather us in joy to celebrate the resurrection of Christ with special music, proclamation, and Eucharist. I am looking forward to observing this highest point of the church year together with the whole parish.

Blessings,

*Irina+*

Incumbent

# Easter Flowers

The Chancel Guild of St. Timothy is inviting donations towards Easter Flowers. These flowers will be distributed to those on our prayer list and other parishioners after the Easter Day service.



Please complete the information below and return it via email to [office@sttimothy.ca](mailto:office@sttimothy.ca) by **Friday, March 27th.**

*Cheques should be made payable to Church of St. Timothy with Easter Flowers in the memo line*

*or*  
*E-transfers can be sent to [office@sttimothy.ca](mailto:office@sttimothy.ca) with Easter Flowers as the reference.*

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

An offering in thanks \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

# ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

The St. Andrew's Group Cupboard has collected a treasure-trove of items over the years and we are happy to share our stash with anyone who is interested!

Here's a list of some of the items available to come and live in your craft cupboard:



1. MANY Knitting needles and crochet hooks and a few rug-hooking latch hooks.
2. Yarn! Some is pure wool, some is acrylic, some have multiple balls/skeins of the same lot, some are singles.
3. Crochet and knitting patterns: both 'singles' and books, many of them are vintage.
4. Collection of vintage stitching books (embroidery, ecclesiastical embroidery, tapestry etc.)
5. Buttons (different colours and sizes)
6. Sewing supplies

If you are interested in having items from the cupboard, please speak to Janet Fraser or send her an e-mail at [janet.fraser@sympatico.ca](mailto:janet.fraser@sympatico.ca) and she'll make arrangements for a group member to meet with you so that you can shop (for free 😊).

**COMING SOON:** the books and patterns will soon be available on the shelves of the St. Tim's library.

In addition to supplies, the St. Andrew's Group always has baby blankets and sweaters made by group members available for purchase. There are multiple colours available and they make a lovely gift.



# Lent

2026

February 18  
- April 04

learn  
reflect  
simplify  
give

St Tim's  
Lenten  
Studies

**Sundays, 8:30 am:**  
"Lenten Disciplines"

**Mondays, noon:**  
"Lenten Themes in African  
American Spirituals"

# HUNGER. POWER. GLORY.

## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS IN THE DESERT

### A DRAMATIC READING OF JOHN MILTON'S PARADISE REGAINED



R.H.  
THOMSON  
AS SATAN



CHRISTIAN  
TRIBUZIO  
AS JESUS



DENISE  
WILLIAMS  
NARRATOR



MADRYN  
McCABE  
AS MARY



SHAN  
FERNANDO  
AS GOD

MARCH 7TH, 3:30 P.M.

LAWRENCE PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

TICKETS: [EVENTBRITE](#) AND AT [WWW.LAWRENCEPARKCHURCH.CA](http://WWW.LAWRENCEPARKCHURCH.CA)

On March 7 at 3:30 p.m., you are invited to a rare dramatic reading of John Milton's poem *Paradise Regained* at Lawrence Park Community Church.

The setting is the desert where Jesus has been fasting for forty days. Satan arrives to tempt Jesus to abandon his loyalty to God. Satan beckons Jesus to the dark side - give in to pleasures of the flesh, and to temptations of power and glory. It's a dramatic story of the dangers of tyranny, of leaders without ethics - themes that are as fresh today as they were when Milton wrote the poem in 1671.

Acclaimed Canadian actor R.H. Thomson plays Satan. He is joined by a talented cast playing Jesus, God, demons, Mary, and Milton's wry narrator.

Tickets 20 dollars, 15 for students, are available on [Eventbrite](#) and at Lawrence Park Community Church, [2180 Bayview Avenue](#).

## OUTREACH CORNER

Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica as a Category 5 Hurricane on October 28, 2025. It was the strongest and costliest hurricane ever to hit the country. The storm killed 54 people and caused widespread destruction leading to homelessness, shortages of food and water and about half of the places of worship on the island were destroyed or damaged.



In response Bishop Andrew Asbil has issued an **Appeal for Jamaican Relief and Reconstruction**. This appeal is not just about reconstructing buildings: it is about restoring communities. By giving, Canadian Anglicans are helping these churches continue to be centres of strength and healing in the midst of devastation.

The Bishop's appeal includes a \$50,000 matching grant from FaithWorks, meaning that every dollar given up to that amount will be matched, resulting in a possible \$100,000.

From the Outreach Budget the Outreach Committee has donated \$1,000. which will be matched by FaithWorks.

If you are interested in making your own contribution to this worthwhile appeal, gifts may be made online at [www.FaithWorks.ca](http://www.FaithWorks.ca) or sent by cheque payable to Faithworks to the Synod Office, 135 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, ON M5C 1L8. Please note Church of St. Timothy, North Toronto as your parish when making a direct donation. The Diocese will forward the funds to Alongside Hope (formerly the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) for distribution.



## OUTREACH CORNER



The Outreach Committee in partnership with North York Harvest invites you to participate in two opportunities this Lent which address food insecurity.

**Our Goal: 2 full bins or 1000 lbs of nonperishable food  
& \$1,000 donations**

***These items are needed:***

Tinned fish

Tinned Tomatoes

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Cooking Oil

Please note the two bins in the Church for your food donations.  
Please share this message with family and friends and let's FILL the BINS.

E-transfers to [office@sttimothy.ca](mailto:office@sttimothy.ca) or cheques may be made payable to Church of St. Timothy, noting Lenten Food Drive in the memo/reference.

Thank you for your generous support!

# FOOD DRIVE

**Your donation helps local individuals and families!**